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## CONSTITUTION.

### NAME.

ARTICLE I.—This organization, which is in pursuance of statute law passed in 1806, shall be called the Medical Society of the County of Westchester.

### OBJECTS.

ARTICLE II.—Its chief objects are declared to be a proper regulation of the practice, and an increase in the knowledge of the healing art.

### OFFICERS.

ARTICLE III.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Censors, who shall be elected at the annual meeting by ballot.

## DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

ARTICLE IV.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, preserve order and decorum, give the casting vote whenever there shall be a tie, and perform all other duties customary in such deliberative bodies.

## DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

ARTICLE V.—In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside, and perform all the duties of the President.

## DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

ARTICLE VI.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give written notice to each member of the Society of the occurrence of each meeting, at least one week previous to each meeting, respectively; also, to each and every regular medical practitioner residing in the county who has not already been notified, and invite him to become a member; and to file and preserve the papers of the Society.

## DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

ARTICLE VII.—The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the Society, and report at each



annual meeting the amount received and expended. No funds shall be drawn from the treasury except by a written order from the President on vote of the Society.

### DUTIES OF THE CENSORS.

ARTICLE VIII.—It shall be the duties of the Censors to examine all applicants for license to practice Physic and Surgery. To examine the diplomas and other documents relating to the professional qualifications of applicants for admission to the Society, and report upon such testimony. To investigate all charges of grossly immoral or unprofessional conduct of any kind, when directed so to do by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society, and report the result of such investigation at the next regular meeting, or if so directed by the Society, at an adjourned meeting or at a special meeting called in accordance with the By-Laws of the Society.

### MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE IX.—This Society shall be composed of Physicians and Surgeons of good moral charac-

ter, residents of the county of Westchester. Such applicants receiving the recommendation of the Censors may become members by vote of a majority of the members present at any regular meeting. Each member on his election shall sign the By-Laws, having previously paid to the Treasurer the sum of two dollars, which shall be appropriated for the legitimate uses of the Society, and shall receive a copy of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X.—Any member not in arrears to the Society, or under its censure, can withdraw from its membership by signifying his desire in writing to the Secretary.

ARTICLE XI.—Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## BY-LAWS.

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ARTICLE I.—The following order of business shall be observed at the annual meetings :

1. Reading the minutes of the last annual meeting, and all other meetings that have been held during the year by the Society.

2. Address by the President.

3. Report of the Treasurer.

4. Proposal and Election of new members.

5. Reports of delegates to other Medical Organizations.

6. \* Designation of time and place of next annual meeting, and \* report of Business Committees.

7. Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws.

8. Unfinished business.

9. New business.

10. Election of officers and delegates to Medical Societies.

11. Appointment of committees by the President, in accordance with articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the By-Laws.

12. Assessment of taxes and making appropriations.

13. Reading of Essays.

14. Report of Committee on Epidemics and Endemics.

15. Report of Committee of Surgery, and Committee on the progress of the Science and Art of Medicine.

16. Written reports of cases that have occurred under the observation of members.

17. Miscellaneous business.

18. Adjournment.

ARTICLE II.—The President shall, at each annual meeting of the Society, appoint three members to present written communications on subjects con-

nected with medicine—one at the next annual meeting, and one at each of the intervening meetings.

ARTICLE III.—There shall be a Standing Committee of two appointed annually by the President to report at the next annual meeting on Epidemics and Endemics that have occurred within the county of Westchester, during the last year; also a Standing Committee of two to be appointed by the President, to report at the next annual meeting on Surgical cases occurring within the county during the year.

ARTICLE IV.—There shall be a Committee of Publication, consisting of two members to be appointed annually by the President—of which the Secretary shall be an *ex officio* member—whose duty it shall be to publish so much of the transactions of the Society as they may deem advisable, and who shall apportion and distribute copies of such publications among the members. In the same manner the President shall appoint annually a Committee of two, to report at the next annual meeting on the progress of the science and art of Medicine during the year.

ARTICLE V.—It shall be the duty of every mem-

ber of this Society to present a written report of at least one case in Medicine and Surgery that has occurred in his practice during the year—embracing its history, pathology and treatment.

ARTICLE VI.—Delegates to the American Medical Association, State and other Societies, shall be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE VII.—The members of this Society shall be governed by the code of medical ethics adopted by the American Medical Association.

ARTICLE VIII.—The annual meetings of this Society shall be held on the third Tuesday of June in the village of White Plains.

1. Two intermediate meetings shall be held in each year—the one on the third Tuesday of October, the other on the third of February—at such hour and place as the Society may designate at the next previous meeting.

2. Special meetings may be called by the President, upon a written request signed by five members which shall specify the object of such meeting, and due notice being given by the Secretary to each member of said meeting and its object; and

no business shall be done at such meeting except in relation to the object specified in the Secretary's notice.

ARTICLE IX.—This Society shall have power to impose suitable fines and penalties upon its members for non-performance of duties assigned, and to admonish, suspend or expel, by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at any meeting, for unprofessional conduct, or for engaging in or countenancing any system of quackery, or for any conduct derogatory to the good name and honor of the profession.

ARTICLE X.—Before a student is received as a medical pupil, he shall be required by his medical preceptor to produce satisfactory evidence that, in addition to a thorough acquaintance with the elementary studies usually pursued in Common Schools—including a familiar knowledge of the principles and practice of English composition—he has a competent knowledge of the Latin language and especially of natural philosophy.

XI.—All charges against members for engaging in or encouraging any irregular practice, or for conduct derogatory to professional honor, shall be

presented in writing to the Society, and by a two-thirds vote referred to the Censors for investigation, to report thereon at a time and place designated by the Society; and any person so charged feeling aggrieved at the action of the Society has the right of appeal to the State Medical Society.

ARTICLE XII.—Any proposed By Law of the Society, or alteration of any already existing, shall be offered at the annual meeting one year previously to its being acted upon, and may be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.









